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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) PolChief delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Americas' Department Director Ambassador Khaled Al-Babtain on April 30. Al-Babtain said he believed the Foreign Minister had decided the GOK would endorse the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) and had tasked the Legal Department with preparing the appropriate diplomatic note. He welcomed news of the May 24-26 PSI exercise, Anatolian Sun, but declined to comment on Kuwait's participation. PolChief subsequently queried Legal Department Third Secretary Salem Al-Shebli on the status of the note. Al-Shebli responded that he was still working on the formal recommendation for the FM's signature.

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